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Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting  
May 2, 2012

Attendees: Barbara Bloom, Fannie Gabriel, Al LeFebvre, Lucille Morisse, Toby Neuwirth, Paul Pelletier, Lucy Peoples (standing in for Yvette Huyghue-Pannell, Senior Center Liaison), Councilman Leon Rivers, Gus Walek, Paula Walek

Absent: Doris Armstrong, Representative David Baram, Jeannine Belisle, Janet Lamenzo, Yvette Huyghue-Pannell, Annette Walters

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Paul asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2012 meeting. Fannie so moved, and Al seconded. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Barbara Bloom spoke to let everyone know that the Faith McMahon library rededication will be held on June 3, 2012 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Fannie said she is the one who gave the library its original name of Wintonbury Library.

Paul had nothing to report. Lucille wanted to be sure the soup kitchen would be mentioned in Lucy's report.

Leon said that there is a budget meeting scheduled for this evening. The Town Council will present the proposed budget at a Town Meeting on Monday, May 7, and all are welcome to attend. Upon its approval, the Council will set the mill rate.

He also noted that the Town Council has appropriated funds to make cosmetic improvements to the Senior Center.

Leon spoke about the reconstruction of Jerome Avenue/Gabb Road, and construction at Tunxis Ave./Terry Plains Rd./Brown Street, where new traffic signals will be installed. Fannie said that a house on Jerome Avenue is slated to be moved, but she is not sure which one.

Paula applauded the Town Council for the Bloomfield Early Learning Center settlement. Leon noted that the issues had been going on for the past 3 years. He also said that the children who attend BELC will be absorbed into the school system as soon as they turn 5 years old.

Lucy said that transportation for the Saturday soup kitchen has been suspended.

During a discussion of the annual volunteer appreciation luncheon, it was noted that Paul and Barbara did not receive their gift certificates.

Lucy noted that May is Older American's Month, and asked if the Commission would sponsor the Thursday evening open house on May 24. Paula made a motion to do so, which was seconded by Gus. The motion carried unanimously. Gus, Paula, Lucille and Paul also offered to volunteer at the event.

The Annual Fiber Arts and Knitting Reception will take place from 4:30-6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 16. Fannie agreed to be a volunteer that evening.

The Music Makers are presenting a concert at Bloomfield High School on Saturday, May 12, and have offered complimentary tickets to Commission members.

Lucy said that Dr. Bagnall recently fell and broke his femur. He had successful surgery and is due back home at Seabury today.

Al discussed the TRIAD and invited everyone to the meeting on May 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center to discuss setting up a TRIAD program in Bloomfield. Paul said Windsor has already started its TRIAD program.

Paula discussed the June 7 Concert on the Green featuring Bloomfield High School students. She also spoke about the Annual Senior Appreciation Concert and Luncheon on May 30. Volunteers are needed to serve the lunch. The food will be provided by Food Service and not the Culinary Arts Department because it will be less expensive. Gus, Paula, Paul, Tobie and Al volunteered to serve. Paul reminded every to wear their COA badges for these events.

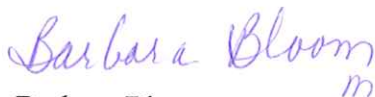
Paula said that a recent fundraiser dinner in honor of Brad Davis's late wife Roseanna, generated \$46,000 in income.

Barbara asked if the COA needs to be sworn in again.

It was asked if Commission minutes could be emailed to the members in an effort to save on postage. Everyone who is interested in doing so provided their email address.

The next meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 6. This will be the last monthly meeting prior to the summer break. It was moved and voted to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Bloom  
Recording Secretary